

# NEW JERSEY CITY MAY SOON DECIDE VEXED QUESTION.

## Court of Errors Expected to Take Up Jersey City Muddle To-morrow.

## SIDE ISSUE IN A SUIT, Constitutionality of Extension Law May Come Up in an Election Bill Case.

## SCRAMBLE FOR NEWARK PLUMS.

## Democratic Aldermen and Aldermen- Elect Confer on the Distribution of Patronage Within the Council's Gift.

The New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals will meet in Trenton to-morrow, and the Republicans of Jersey City, who are striving hard to prevent Mayor-elect Edward Hoos and other victorious Democrats from assuming office on May 3, hope that by the judgment rendered on a suit which is to be argued before it the present Majority will be settled. The suit is the one brought by a Jersey City paper against the city for printing election notices for the late election, and in which payment was refused because the constitutionality of the McArthur act, which abolished Spring elections, has been questioned by Supreme Court Justices Ginn and Gummere.

Counselor Charles Corbin, who represents the Republican Executive Committee, is confident that the court will deliver largely in the constitutional question. While in suits between individuals courts seldom go further in their opinions than to consider some one decisive question of law, they have the power to exhaust all questions that may be involved, and in matters of general public importance they usually pursue this course. It is in this practice of the higher courts that the Republicans are putting their trust. Allan L. McDermott, chief counsel for the Democrats, is equally confident that the court will not decide the Majority question in the present case.

Colonel S. P. Dickinson, the Republican "boss," fetched from Old Point Comfort "news" that it is now probable that the committee laying the election muddle in charge, of which the Colonel is a member, will have something to report.

A long drawn out conference of the Democratic Aldermen and Aldermen-elect, who will control the next Common Council in Newark and the patronage within its gift, was held last night at the Jeffersonian Hotel on West Park street. It was their first conference and proved a lively one. The object was to discuss the various places that are to be filled after the new Council organizes.

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RECOUNTS BEGIN MONDAY.  
Candidates Burkhardt and Bea Get Orders  
from Judge Dupue.

Two orders for recounts were signed by Judge Dupue of the New Jersey Supreme Court at his home in Newark yesterday. The first was in favor of a recount of John J. Burkhardt, the Republican candidate for the seat in the Newark Board of Works, which Charles F. Herr has been declared to have won. The other was on the prayer of John Bea, Republican candidate for Alderman in Newark's Fourteenth Ward, who was defeated by Frederick C. Holland by a narrow margin.

James M. Trimble, counsel for Charles F. Herr, argued against the granting of the recount. He said that the Board of Works had already ordered a recount of one district and that the law did not contemplate alternate counting and recounting like a see-saw between the candidates. The legality of the ballots could not be passed upon in the present proceeding, as it is a matter of fact, and the recounting of the ballots would be a repetition of the same error.

The recount will in all probability begin on Monday. Mr. Burkhardt is anxious to pay the costs of the work if the results are not satisfactory. As the recount is under the supervision of the Court, Judge Dupue will appoint some one to represent him at the sittings of the Election Board.

Kaplan's Whisker Caused a Fire.  
A bartender in Jacob Kaplan's saloon, No. 77 Main street, Brooklyn, took a lighted lamp with him into the cellar when he went to draw some whiskey yesterday afternoon and placed it on the ground near the keg. He accidentally spilled some of the whiskey, which splashed into the lamp, and a fire broke out, which was extinguished by the bartender's quick action.

The fire caused \$500 damage to the saloon and the building was damaged to the extent of \$25, all covered by insurance.

## DECLARES FOR 8 HOURS.

Newark United Building Trades Council Flings Down the Gauntlet to the Bosses.

The United Building Trades Council of Newark has flung down the gauntlet to the bosses by demanding a uniform day of eight hours, with pay on the present nine-hour basis, for the eighteen local unions affiliated with it. Delegates to the various unions have been instructed to lay the demands of the council before the various employers' associations. If the demand is refused the chances are that there will be a general strike. If the demand is granted Newark will be the eighth city of its class to adopt the eight-hour day.

There is hope among the delegates to the council that the matter can be arranged without much difficulty. The carpenters have already secured the eight-hour day, and the lathers have progressed favorably in their negotiations to a similar end. It is feared that the eight-hour day would provide work for over 600 more building tradesmen in Newark. The bosses are generally chary about discussing the movement, but the Master Plumbers' Association, said yesterday:

"We have already under consideration a proposition by the journeymen in our trade for a nine-hour day. The agreement contemplated is the same as the one under which we have worked for five years. We have heard nothing of the movement for an eight-hour day as yet."

The bricklayers' and masons' unions are among those who have not yet taken their employers' association. It provides that disputes which may arise shall be submitted to arbitration before local courts of trade or strikes on the other are ordered.

## PRODIGAL OLD BOARD.

Bradley Beach's Former Officials Accused of Spending Far More Money Than Was Legally Proper.

It was learned yesterday that Bradley Beach, just a few miles south of Asbury Park, is in a bad plight over the loose style of financing adopted by its officials, and that nobody seems to know whether the borough has got any money or not, whether it is in debt, and, if so, to what extent, and where it got the money it owes.

This strange financial condition came to light at a meeting of Council Board, when the report of Auditor Bennett was presented and read. This report covers the complete financial transactions of the borough from the time it came into existence, and is a peculiarly interesting though perplexing study to the authorities and citizens of that town.

The statement up to March 1 last, when the new Council was sworn in, shows that the authorities have been in the habit of expending more money each year than the appropriation they were permitted by the law to raise. This was the condition of the treasury at the close of the first fiscal year, and since that time they have been constantly overrunning their appropriation in violation of all law upon the subject.

The debt of the town under the administration of the former boards amounts to \$2,465.48, and notwithstanding the fact that the new Council has appropriated \$22,000, there is still due on the borough books about \$4,000, taxes due and uncollected. The whole situation is such that the authorities have assessed and collected every year more money than the law allowed.

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# ASBURY PARK IS UP IN ARMS.

## Indignation Over the Founder's Change of Front Grows Apace.

## OLD FRIENDS RESENTFUL.

## Now It Is Proposed to Secure the Beach Front on a Lease at Mr. Bradley's Terms.

The more that is learned of "Founder" Bradley's real attitude toward Asbury Park's people in regard to the movement inaugurated last winter for the purchase of his beach front and other property holdings here, the more the citizens begin to show their teeth. Scores of prominent residents were yesterday boiling over with resentment toward the "Founder," who, before Wednesday's developments, stood ready to follow him through thick and thin, but who, in the light of present disclosures, stand against the evidence of what they consider his bad faith toward them.

Mr. Bradley was asked yesterday by the Journal representative to give out for publication the contents of his letter to Governor Griggs, but he declined, saying that "it would be a breach of confidence to do so," but added that if the Governor saw fit to reveal its contents he would make no objection. "In fact," he said, "I think the Governor ought to make public all letters, petitions, protests, etc., bearing upon the subject." When pressed to explain his backdown he simply replied: "I decline to say."

One of the few who support the position taken by Mr. Bradley is Washington White, from whose father the founder bought the ground where now stands Asbury Park. He said:

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## BACKS UP WRITWITH AXE.

Pawnbroker Surrenders Goods When Under Sheriff Benedict Threatens to Wreck the Store.

Armed with writs of replevin, Under Sheriff Benedict and Constables Teed and Ransley, of Newark, descended upon a number of pawnshops in that city yesterday to recover goods belonging to Jeweller Jenn Teck that had been stolen from him by Harry W. Wright, a clerk, and pledged with the pawnbrokers. When the Jeweller tried to recover his property he was met with demands for the money which had been loaned upon it. He refused to pay and got out the writs.

The Sheriff's officers went first to Steiner's shop, in Charlton street. A young man in charge refused to surrender the goods even when the writs were shown. "Get an axe," said Benedict to Teed. "We will get the goods if we have to wreck the store."

The young man gave up the goods, which consisted of eight diamond rings and a pair of diamond earrings.

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# RAID TRANSIT CALLS A HALT.

## Staten Island Electric Com- pany Restrained by Injunction.

## NEW-LAID RAILS TORN UP.

## Cupid Causes Trouble in Bromer's Home—Raines's Amendments Distress Republicans.

The fight over the building of a spur of the Staten Island Electric Company's trolley line, at St. George, which appeared to have been settled Wednesday night by the approval given by the Board of Supervisors to the laying of tracks on a small section of county roads, broke out afresh yesterday, from an unexpected source.

The first sign of trouble appeared when a gang of laborers in the employ of the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railroad Company appeared upon the scene and tore up the rails laid the night before by the trolley company across the Rapid Transit Company's dock. About four hundred feet of track—all that was on the dock—was taken up. Of the 2,000 feet of track laid on Wednesday by the trolley company, all but about two hundred feet is upon property claimed by the Rapid Transit Company as a private street, but only that portion of the track on the dock was disturbed.

Soon afterward the trolley people were served with an injunction restraining them from building and operating their road on Rapid Transit property. This injunction was obtained from Justice Gaylor by William Keutgen, secretary of the Rapid Transit Company. Wednesday morning Mr. Keutgen obtained warrants for the arrest of the trolley company's men on a charge

of trespass, but these warrants were not served, because the Rapid Transit officials were shown a formal written consent for the laying of the tracks, signed by Thomas M. King, vice-president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, which owns a majority of the stock of the Rapid Transit Company. Mr. King is also president of the Rapid Transit Ferry Company, under a recent agreement entered into between himself and Receiver Cowan, of the Baltimore & Ohio Company, and H. H. Rogers and Colonel G. B. M. Harvey, of the Staten Island Electric Railroad Company, when the long standing differences between the trolley company and the Rapid Transit officials was settled.

These facts, together with the refusal of the representatives of the affected companies to talk of the matter, have led to many rumors of a disagreement over the consent which Vice-President King gave to the trolley company for the construction of its road. This consent is said to have been given at a conference held on Tuesday, and the officials of the Rapid Transit Railroad Company are alleged to have not been consulted or even informed of the matter. Mr. King's consent was sufficient to prevent the stopping of the work on Wednesday morning by Rapid Transit officials, but it now seems to have been regulated by the officials of the Rapid Transit company. The outcome of the hearing upon the injunction will be awaited with great interest by Staten Island people.

Cupid entered the portals of the household of Henry Bromer, of No. 30 Vanderbilt avenue, Clifton, a few hours ago, and has caused much trouble to the family since then. Among the evils the little fellow is responsible for are a broken head, a black eye and a sentence of thirty days in the county jail. The story is one that has not been told.

Henry Bromer has a cozy little home on Vanderbilt avenue, and a good-looking servant girl attends to the wants of the family. Bromer used to keep his house in the best way, and in the beginning of the year employed William Behrens. William worked well for a time until cupid arrived. The lady was then visited by a sharp blow on his forehead, and the servant girl was mutually agreeable that work was only a secondary matter with them.

Behrens decided that he could not bear the strain, so he paid William his wages in full to May 1 two weeks ago, discharged him and told him not to come near the house again.

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